

Acts 2: 1-11,
1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13 or
Galatians 5: 16-25
John 20: 19-23 or John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

FOCUS: Lord, send us your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Pentecost Sunday marks the conclusion of the fifty days of the Easter season and the inauguration of the mission of the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Even though Pentecost celebrates the manifestation of the Spirit, we recognize the hidden workings of the Spirit from the moment of creation. The Spirit of God that brought about the creation of Adam is the same Spirit that created the new spiritual life of the disciples at Pentecost, and the same Spirit that comes to us through Baptism and Confirmation. With Pentecost, the Spirit becomes visible through the gifts of the Church, gifts given to individual members for the common good of all.

The Hebrew meaning of the term spirit means breath, air or wind (Catechism of the Catholic Church #691). The title Holy Spirit, used by the Catholic Church, evokes the sense of God's divine breath. The metaphor of breath is indeed an excellent representation of the Holy Spirit to which we can easily relate in a number of ways. Breath is invisible. We cannot detect its presence through sight, yet we can detect its presence through our other senses. Breath is essential to life. Emerging from the womb, the first act of a newborn is to take in that crucial primary breath. The air and the wind are carriers of seeds, water, and soil which provide for the regeneration of God's natural creation. Breath, air, and wind are essential for life. As the Psalmist wrote, "If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust, when you send forth your spirit, they are created and you renew the face of the earth. "The invisible breath of God is essential for our life in Christ.

From the Acts of the Apostles, Luke gives his account of Pentecost. Following the Ascension of Jesus, the Apostles, "together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus and his brothers" (Acts 1:14) gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. A few days later their dramatic baptism by the Spirit of God included noise like a strong wind, tongues as of fire, and the gift of speaking in many languages as they preached about the marvels God had accomplished. Throughout the Acts of the Apostles we read how the Spirit guided and empowered the mission of the early Church to renew the face of the earth.

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, zeros in on a key condition to following Jesus: the acceptance and recognition of spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit working in the lives of the baptized. While there are many gifts, different works, and various ministries, there is only one and the same Spirit that bestows on each person gifts for the common good of the entire community.

Filled with the Holy Spirit all can say Jesus is Lord. We, too, are faced with the need to recognize the Spirit at work in our community, and to share our community, and to share our gifts for the common good so that we can live as one body in Christ.

In today's gospel reading, John gives his version of the coming of the Spirit. On the first day, that is the day of Resurrection—the first Easter Sunday—as the disciples were gathered in fear in a locked room, Jesus greeted them with peace acknowledging God's abundant blessings on them. He bestowed the divine breath, the Holy Spirit, on the disciples and gave them the authority to bind and loose people's sins. The death and resurrection of Jesus ushered in the new age of the Church. The Church in turn was given the Holy Spirit as guide, unifier, and source of life, and the Apostles and their successors were given the authority to carry out the work of the Spirit. Knowing that God will give the Church the gifts she needs to cooperate with

the work of the Spirit, we have the courage and strength to pray, "Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."

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Dear God

I like the Lords prayer best of all. Did you have to write it a lot or did you get it right the first time? I have to write everything I ever write over again

Lois

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF June 8, 2003

Mon – 2 Corinthians 1: 1-7, Matthew 5: 1-12

Saint Ephrem

Tue – 2 Corinthians 1: 18-22, Matthew 5: 13-16

Wed – Acts 11: 21b—26; 13: 1-3, Matthew 5: 17-19

Saint Barnabas

Thurs – 2 Corinthians 3: 15– 4: 1, 3-6, Matthew 5: 20-26

Fri – 2 Corinthians 4: 7-15, Matthew 5: 27-32

Saint Anthony

Sat – 2 Corinthians 5: 14-21, Matthew 5: 33-37

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sat 7 June 1715 Parishioners of MHT

Sun 8 June 1000 40th wedding anniversary - Bonnie & Jerry Pogorzelski /

& for all the wedding anniversaries in the class of "63"

Mon 9 June 1205

Tue 10 June 1205 Lady Cliff Class of "53"
Wed 11 June 1205
Thurs 12 June 1205
Fri 13 June 1205 Michael G. Biskup

Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:

Attendance 416 Offering \$606.66
This Designated Offering : June 7 & 8 will be for "Sacred Heart"
HOST FAMILY FOR Jun 14-15
1715 Volunteer
1000 Volunteer

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Jun 14-5

1715 D. Brazil, T. Trainor, C. Carver
1000 B. Moretti, M. Phillips, B. Wilson

USHERS FOR Jun 14-15

1715 Arthur Coughlin
1000 Scott Lathrop

ALTAR SERVERS Jun 14-15

1715 (3) Volunteers
1000 (3) Volunteers

PROCLAIMERS FOR Jun 14-15

1715 Deb Dalton / Alice O'Hara
1716 Joe Moore / Doug Wolfe

Need your helping hands:

Our gardens need tending, if you or your family can lend a hand, we have the plants, just need the labor. Call Kate at 938-8760 and let us know if you can give the gift of time.

I have a question. Whom do I call? Pastoral Coordinator...Kate Hayden 938-8760

Chaplain's Assistant... SPC Alexander 938-3721

Parish registration, Calendars, Bulletin, Maintenance, Room Scheduling, Purchase Orders, Mass Cards, Fund Requests.

Director Rel-Ed... Kay Heppes... 938-8761
Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.

Wedding Coordinator...Lorraine Finn...932-2784
Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,
Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.

Director of Music... Meredith Baker...938-3544
Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.

Pastor... Fr. Vince Burns...938-3721
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**RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND
BENEDICTION:**

Wednesdays 1820-1930 MHT Chapel

RCIA

MHT Catholic Chapel needs folks who will work with us in welcoming people into our Catholic Church. We have the funds to send you to a week long training session sponsored by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

One of the most important missions of any parish is to welcome people into our Church and to share our Faith with them. The responsibility belongs to all of us, but specifically we need some parishioners to work with us on the **Rite of Christian Initiation Team**. No experience necessary, just a willingness to share faith with someone who is interested in our Catholic Faith. Please contact Father Vince or Kay Heppes for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries)

POC Tanya Tolentino @ 424-3609

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to all the catechists who gave so generously of their time and effort for catechizing the children of our parish. **PARENTS:** Please drop off the evaluations of the grade level program, and the sacramental programs at the Religious Education Office, which is located in the Cloister Room of the Chapel. **CATECHISTS:** Please turn in your box of supplies, books and evaluation forms to "Ms Kay." This message is for all catechists and also for those catechists who will be returning in the fall. We need to inventory our religious education supplies for the coming semester.

WE ARE NOT CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER! If you are new to West Point or an old-timer who has not yet registered or re-registered your child or children for Religious Education, the summer months are a great time to stop by the Religious Education Office, which is located in the Cloister Room (chapel basement). At this time, you can fill out a registration form and find out about our need for catechists, bus monitors and coordinators for the 2003-04 semester. Please call "Ms. Kay," Director of Religious Education @938-8761. ***OPENING DAY FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS SEPTEMBER 7TH.***

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

23- 27 June. Theme: Scuba – "Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure." Please call Ashley Goertimiller at 446-4043 or the Post Chapel at 938-2003 for further information. **Volunteers needed. Registration forms are available at Holy Trinity Chapel in both the Religious Education and Rectory offices.**

PARISH CENSUS UPDATE

WELCOME to all new folks joining our parish & **FAREWELL** to all who are moving. Please help us keep our Census up-to-date by filling out this form:

Name _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Phone _____

Please Check one:

☐ *New registration*

☐ *Updated registration*

☐ *I am moving out of the area*

Please drop off in offering basket at Mass or at Parish ofc.

Understanding the Easter Cycle

By Sandra DeGidio, O.S.M.

The early Church's annual calendar began and ended with the celebration of *Pascha* (Easter)—the "Big Sunday." Easter celebrates the central event in our salvation. It is the highest of Church feasts. Easter is the oldest Christian festival.

For seven weeks—a week of Sundays—we observe and celebrate the resurrection of Christ by the power of God. Pentecost (the 50th day) concludes the Easter Season. On Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of the Spirit (the breath, the unseenness of God).

The inseparable relationship between cross and resurrection in Christian faith declares the unity of this cycle. We observe [the 40 days of] Lent in anticipation of the resurrection and we celebrate the Easter weeks remembering the cost of the victory of the cross. Finally, Pentecost recalls the outpouring of the Spirit—God's gift that empowers us to be impassioned witnesses to the crucified and risen Christ.

This gift draws us together as a people, helps us comprehend what God is doing in our world and commissions us to proclaim—in word and deed—God's plan of reconciling all people in the name of the risen Christ.

Parish Registration

We ask families and single adults who worship with us to register officially as Most Holy Trinity Parishioners. Such registration helps us to be able to contact you and keep track of our parish. It also helps when you are seeking a letter of eligibility for being a sponsor and for some marriage requirements. You can pick up a registration form from the Rectory or use the one attached to the bulletin. Moving? If you will be leaving us, please notify us of the change.